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SUBJECT: US ADMINISTRATIVE TALKS WITH GDR: FOURTH DAY-MISCELLANY

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1. AT OUTSET OF AUGUST 31 MEETING (REFTEL), US ASSURED GDR THAT USG POLICY IS TO OBSERVE LOCAL CURRENCY REGULATIONS AND ENFORCE THEM ON ITS PERSONNEL. IN RESPONSE TO CURRENCY AND BANKING QUESTIONS, GDR HAS STATED THAT EMBASSY AND ITS STAFF MEMBERS COULD OPEN FOREIGN CURRENCY AND DME ACCOUNTS WITH DEUTSCHE AUSSENHANDELSBANK AG (DABA). TRANSFERS FROM THESE ACCOUNTS OR CASH WITHDRAWALS CAN BE EFFECTED AND AS A RULE ALL PAYMENTS TO GDR FOR SALARIES OF LOCALS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES, RENTS AND UTILITIES WOULD BE BY TRANSFER OF FUNDS. GDR SAID USE OF TREASURY CHECKS IN FINANCING US ACCOUNTS SHOULD OFFER NO PROBLEM BUT DISCUSSION THIS POINT WITH DABA ADVISABLE. EDMS  
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OBTAINED THROUGH ISSUANCE OF VISAS OR PROVISION OF

OTHER SERVICES IN GDR WOULD NOT BE CONVERTIBLE INTO DOLLARS BUT COULD BE USED TO DISCHARGE LOCAL COSTS. IT WAS AGREED THAT TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, INCLUDING EXCHANGE RATES EMPLOYED AND SERVICE CHARGES LEVIED BY DABA, BE DISCUSSED IN DEPTH AT DABA BY US REP ON AUGUST 31. QUESTION RAISED RE RECONVERSION EDM INTO DOLLARS. REPLY UNCLEAR. WILL REQUEST CLARIFICATION FROM DABA.

2. GDR CONFIRMED THAT DIENSTLEISTUNGSAMT CHARGES FOR LOCAL EAST GERMAN EMPLOYEES ARE ALL INCLUSIVE (SALARY, SERVICE CHARGE, FRINGES, ETC.) CHARGES FOR EAST GERMAN LOCALS DEPEND ON QUALIFICATIONS OF EMPLOYEES AND KINDS OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED. GDR PROMISED TO MAKE PUBLISHED LIST WITH RANGE OF CHARGES AVAILABLE.

3. ON EMPLOYMENT OF NON-GDR LOCAL PERSONNEL, GDR FIRST SAID EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS USUALLY CONFINED TO RESIDENTS OF COUNTRY OF ACCREDITATION. GDR ADDED EMPLOYMENT OF AMERICAN DEPENDENTS WOULD CREATE NO PROBLEMS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, GDR STATES THAT IT PROCEEDS FROM VIEW THAT LOCAL EMPLOYEES WILL BE EAST GERMANS, ADDING IT WOULD NOT BE IN INTEREST OF EMBASSY TO EMPLOY RESIDENTS OF WEST BERLIN AS SUCH INDIVIDUALS WERE LIMITED TO VISITS TOTALLING 30 DAYS PER ANNUM IN GDR. US ADMITTED THAT LOCAL EMPLOYMENT NORMALLY LIMITED TO NATIONALS OF SENDING OR RECEIVING STATES BUT POINTED OUT THAT IT GENERAL INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE FOR THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS TO BE SO EMPLOYED IF SUITABLE PERSONNEL NOT OTHERWISE AVAILABLE. GDR CONCEDED THAT SUCH A PRACTICE COULD BE OBSERVED IN EAST BERLIN.

4. ON COMMUNICATIONS, GDR SAID TELEPHONE AND TELEX INSTALLATIONS COULD BE INSTALLED BY US AND THAT GDR WOULD ARRANGE NECESSARY CONNECTING LINES. GDR ADDED THAT AN APPLICATION FOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, IF DESIRED, WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED AND FREQUENCIES APPROVED. GDR NOTED THAT FOREGOING MATTERS WERE OF COURSE DEPENDENT ON RECIPROCITY.

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5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON HEALTH BENEFITS, GDR STATED THAT AMBASSADOR AND SENIOR PERSONNEL COULD BE TREATED IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL. OTHER EMBASSY PERSONNEL COULD RECEIVE HEALTH OR DENTAL CARE AT CLINICS UPON PRESENTATION OF APPROPRIATE CREDENTIALS. MEDICAL CARE AVAILABLE AN ANNUAL COST OF DME 720 PER ADULT FAMILY MEMBER (CHILDREN UNDER 18 DERIVE BENEFITS THROUGH PARENTS). ADDITIONAL CHARGES

ARE LEVIED FOR MEDICINES, HOSPITAL SERVICES. DENTAL  
CARE IS INCLUDED IN CHARGE BUT COSTS OF MATERIALS  
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